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To: Members of the FCC

I address this plea to you, to please hear the voices of a free people, by stopping the further march towards a media monopoly.

On June 2nd, the FCC is planning rule changes which will enable a handful of "media conglomerates", control over multiple markets in a given area of the country and multiple outlets, i.e. newspapers, magazines, local broadcast stations of both television and radio. These "crossovers" should and need to be limited. For instance in Jacksonville, Fl, four TV stations are now owned by two companies, which have merged their news anchors, thus the same reporter delivers the news on this "crossover". Balanced reporting....will suffer.

The "public" airwaves are just that, "public", but it seems the FCC thinks differently. They offered one public hearing without notice, and save for a few, un-funded, last minute hearings, thankfully, pieced together by "concerned" member of the FCC board.

I believe the media to be the public's "watchdogs".....they have to be able to ask the "right and the hard pointed questions" of our leaders. But those who "question authorities", be they journalists, entertainers, retired military brass, or "John Q. Public", are branded as "un-American" by flag waving and shouting newspeople, pundits, and even our elected representatives!

It smacks of McCarthyism! We need many voices in the media not less, we need to hear opposing and differing points of view. One TV station becomes much like the others, radio becomes the same coast to coast and automated! And points of views other than those "marching to the Right" are ridiculed and silenced!

Please do not support the monopolization of the media.

Sincerely,